

# Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

Stephen D'Adamo

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Morton Rosenberg on 4 August 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Please delete lines 2-14 of claim 1 and replace it with the following:
  - a pair of juxtaposed front support rods projecting upwardly from a respective pair of front portions of a pair of lateral sides of a frame;
  - a pair of juxtaposed rear support rods projecting upwardly from a respective pair of rear portions of said lateral sides;
  - a pair of locating parts respectively secured to a top of each of said front support rods; each of said locating parts having two lateral portions formed with opposing guide trenches;
  - a pair of fitting parts respectively secured to a top of each of said rear support rods; each of said fitting parts having two lateral portions formed with outwardly-folded upper ends, and opposing through holes;
  - a pair of juxtaposed engaging elements secured to a front portion of a
- Please delete "two" in line 18 of claim 1 and insert "a pair of".
- Please insert "an" in line 2 of claim 2 before the word "elongated".
- Please insert "an" in line 2 of claim 3 before the word "elongated".

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art fails to show or suggest, either singly or in combination pair of front and rear support rods having a pair of lateral portions formed on top thereof. The front support rods including a pair of opposing guide trenches on the respective lateral portions. The rear support rods including a pair of outwardly-folded upper ends and opposing through holes on the respective lateral portions. The front underside of a seat comprises a pair of engaging elements wherein each engaging element has two lateral portions, a slide rod connecting the two lateral portions and an upper portion. The rear underside of the seat comprises a pair of fitting elements wherein each fitting element has two lateral portions, opposed fitting holes and an upper portion. The seat is secured to the support rods by passing pins through the fitting holes and through holes and also by passing the slide rods into the guide trenches.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jay et al. (5,593,211), Stewart (5,496,088), Gonzalez (5,326,067), Froutzis (4,978,097), Boyer et al. (4,967,864), Coleman (4,805,952), Roadaway (3,917,312), Brown (3,915,493) and Glater (2003/0151294) all show various features o similar to the claimed invention.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen D'Adamo whose telephone number is 703-305-8173. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00-3:30, 2nd Friday 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pete Cuomo can be reached on 703-308-0827. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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